

PROCLAMATION BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2009

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, about 470 North Dakotans will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year; and

WHEREAS, about 5,000 North Dakotans are breast cancer survivors; and

WHEREAS, it is important to continue the fight against breast cancer and to reduce the risk of this disease among our citizens; and

WHEREAS, October 16 is National Mammography Day, a day set aside to promote the importance of regular mammography screenings in the early detection and prompt treatment of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota women are encouraged to take preventative action; including performing monthly breast self-examinations, getting regular clinical breast examinations and following the American Cancer Society's guidelines for having a screening mammogram.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2009, **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

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